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STATEMENT of Mr. Darling, assistant to J. V. Hubbard, Undertaker taken January 23, 1923 at Hubbard's Undertaking Parlor, New Brunswick, N. J.

By Julia Harpman.

James Mills accompanied by either his brother or brother-in-law and two or three sisters of Mrs. Mills came to our Undertaking Parlor on the Sunday or Monday after the bodies were found. I think it was Monday night, because I remember we had put Mrs. Mills' body in a metallic casket and I don't think that was until Monday.

Mills asked to see her body and I advised him not to, just as I would advise any body under such circumstances. The body was in very bad condition. Of course any body has the right to insist on seeing a body, but, when I think best, I advise them not to. The man with Mills - his brother or brother-in-law did look in the casket, but the others did not. They left after a short time.

Q. Did you describe the wounds to Mills?

A. No, there was not much said. They went away.

Q. What kind of weapon do you think was used to cut her throat?

A. I'm not saying yet that her throat was cut. You know, if there had been a scratch there, decomposition might have caused the condition we found, after the bodies had been out there so long. We did not get the bodies until Sunday, because they had been taken over to Somerville Saturday.

Q. Did you see them while they lay out there at the farm?

A. No. We were not notified until the County physician had ordered them taken to Somerville. Mr. Hubbard got out there just after they had been taken away.

Q. Was the scarf around Mrs. Mill's head when you first saw her body?

A. No. The prosecutor was here the other day and asked me about advising Mills not to see the body of his wife.